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TOPIC Merseburg AirfieldEVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                     

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The following observations were made at Merseburg airfield between 8 and 17 January 1954:

8 and 9 January. No air activity was observed at the field. There was a closed ceiling and good visibility.

10 January. No aircraft were observed aloft. The weather was cloudless and visibility good.

11 January. Around 4 p.m., night flying was started by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s which individually took off and remained aloft for 30 to 40 minutes. The runway was covered with snow 5 to 6 cm deep.

12 January. No flights were made. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of about 300 meters and sufficient visibility.

13 January. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., individual flights were made by swept-back jet aircraft which remained aloft for 30 to 50 minutes. The sky was 5/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters and visibility was good.

14 January. Between 10:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., aircraft were observed flying in elements of twos and formations of fours for 50 to 60 minutes duration. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of 300 meters and visibility of 4 km.

15 January. Between 12:30 p.m. and 4:10 p.m., individual flights above the clouds were made by aircraft                     

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16 and 17 January. No aircraft were observed aloft. There was a closed and low ceiling. On 17 January, 65 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were counted on the dispersal areas.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Merseburg airfield is believed to be occupied by one fighter regiment. This assumption is contradicted however, by the observations made since November 1953 and in the present report, according to which, a large number of MiG-15s was repeatedly observed at Merseburg airfield. No new information has been received indicating from where these aircraft came.

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